Celebrating the Life of...

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ROBINSON FAMILY HISTORY

In 1840, East Texas was officially opened for settlement by the Republic of Texas. The area was ideally suited for the cultivation of cotton and people migrated to East Texas from points east, significantly from the southern states. Texas was admitted to the union in 1846 and from 1850 to 1860, the total population of Tyler, Texas, Smith County, rose from 4,292 to 13,392 and more than 50% of the increase was in slave population.

Frank Robinson, the brother of Bill Robinson, was born into slavery in 1810, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Warren County. He married Tennessee Bowie. Tennessee Bowie-Robinson was born in 1836, in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

To this union were born seven (7) children; Promise, Levi, Richmond (Rich), Charles (Charlie), George, Lucinda and Lucy Robinson. Richmond Robinson was born in Vicksburg on November 15, 1864.

Sometime during the period of 1865 to 1894, the Robinson family left Vicksburg and moved to the Antioch Community of Tyler, Texas. They left behind Bill Robinson, Grandpa Frank's brother. When the family settled in Tyler, Promise married Aunt Loni of the Caldwell family, Charlie married Olivia Stephenson, George Tucker Robinson married in Omaha Nebraska, Levi Robinson married Bell Morehead of Tyler, Lucy Robinson married Joe Whitmill, and Lucinda married William Jacob Jackson. The research is pending in this area on Levi Robinson and Lucy Robinson. At the death of Frank Robinson, he instructed Rich Robinson to take care of Ma, which is short for Madea, and the children. The tombstones of Frank Robinson, Tennessee Bowie-Robinson, and Richmond Robinson are in very good condition, in the Robinson family gravesite, next to the Caldwell family gravesite in Antioch Community.

On December 25, 1894, Rich Robinson married Lula Lee Smith of the Smith and Loftin families. From this union 15 children were born. The oldest of the children, Nettie Robinson, died several months after birth, in 1895. There were a total of 14 girls and one boy born to this union. Rich Robinson purchased 160 acres of land in the Antioch Community at 50 cents per/acre and he and his brother Promise worked the land. Family history states that the family never experienced a hungry day, during the harsh period of the depression years, due to their farm products. Charles William Robinson (Uncle Charlie) farmed the adjacent 140 acres. Family history states that Rich Robinson made an attempt to visit his uncle Bill Robinson in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1927 prior to Rich's death on March 28, 1930, but the Mississippi River was overflowing and he had to return to Tyler. After the death of Rich Robinson, Lula Robinson was forced to sell off a portion of the land in order to pay the taxes on the remaining property and the Robinsons began to migrate to Dallas, Texas, California and Colorado.

The family's religious tradition and membership was initially at the historic Antioch Baptist Church, but during the period between 1897 and 1906 the power of the Pentecostal movement in Topeka, Kansas and on Azuza Street, in Los Angeles, California spread across the South. In the Tyler, Smith County area it was introduced by Elder James Blakely, a Pentecostal/Holiness preacher and Elder S.D. Lee of the Church of God in Christ. After the movement became more pronounced and organized, Cal Butler and Munk Irvin introduced Holiness into the community. The Robinsons, as well as, many other families under the leadership of Elder Blakely, came together and formed the "Tabernacle" which ultimately became known as the Whitehouse Church of God in Christ where Rich and Charlie Robinson served on the Deacon Board.

The primary civic leader and friend of Charlie Robinson was Mr. George Crouch, Agricultural Commissioner/County Agent for Tyler, Smith County. Mr. Crouch would come once a month and take the Robinson youth, as well as, other youth who were 4-H Club members to Prairie View State Industrial College, where Frank Robinson II obtained his Masters Degree. Since the relocation of the Robinsons from Vicksburg to Tyler, they have married into most of the major African-American families in the Tyler, Smith County area.

In 1933, Corrine E. Robinson met and married Clarence Forrest, Sr. in Tyler, Texas. In 1937, the family moved to Fresno, CA. Mr. Forrest was employed by Santa Fe Railroad until his death in 1959. During the family's residency in Fresno, they lived with the late Gospel Preaching Giant, Uncle Emanuel Wilson of the Fresno Temple Church of God in Christ. The Forrest family moved to Northern California during World War II and settled first in Martinez, CA. Mother Forrest obtained a job at the Richmond Kaiser Shipyard and was the only female African-American to ride the bus from Franklin Canyon (Glen Frazier) to Richmond, CA, during the war. In 1955, the family moved to Pittsburg, CA, where she resided until her death.

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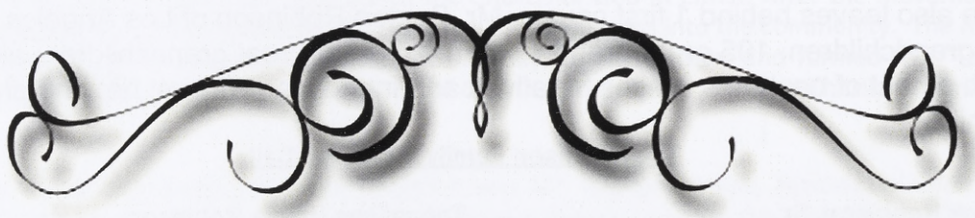
To Those I Love...

When I'm gone, just release me, and let me go,
So I can move into my after glow.
You must not tie me down with your tears.
Let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave
You my love, you can only guess how much you gave
Me in happiness. I thank you for the love you
Each have shown, but now its time I travel
Alone. So grieve for me a while if you must,
Then let your grief be comfort and trust. Its
Only for awhile that we must part, so bless
The memory in your heart and then when you come
This way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and
Welcome you home.



1 PETER 5:7 (KJV)
CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 (KJV)
I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.

Revisit Mother Corrine Forrest

"The Tree →

Attitude determines Attitude

Mother Forrest had a strong positive attitude toward God and toward herself

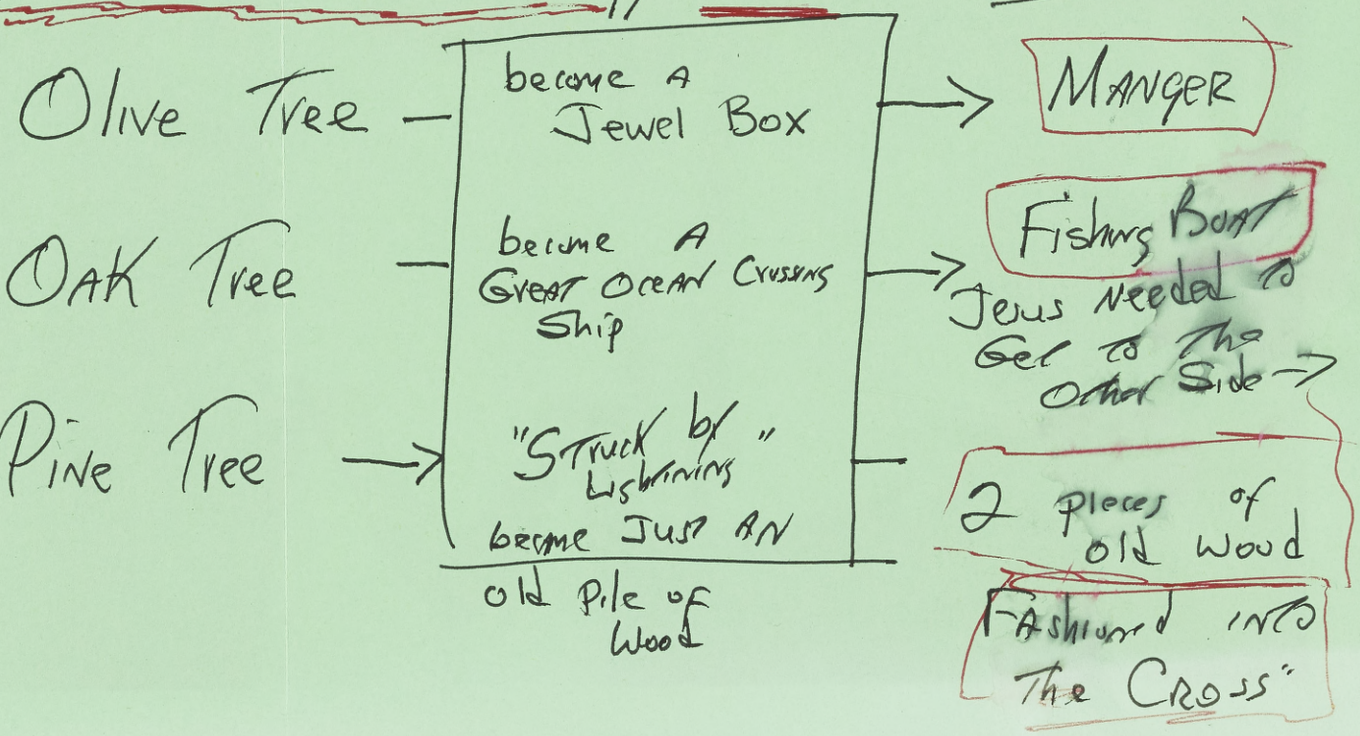
DON'T dispute My Word

How to be an overcomer . . .
How to beat the odds . . .
How to be victorious in spite of . . .
How to snatch victory from defeat . . .

Attitude — A Simple Story

About the Tree // Plans

God's Plan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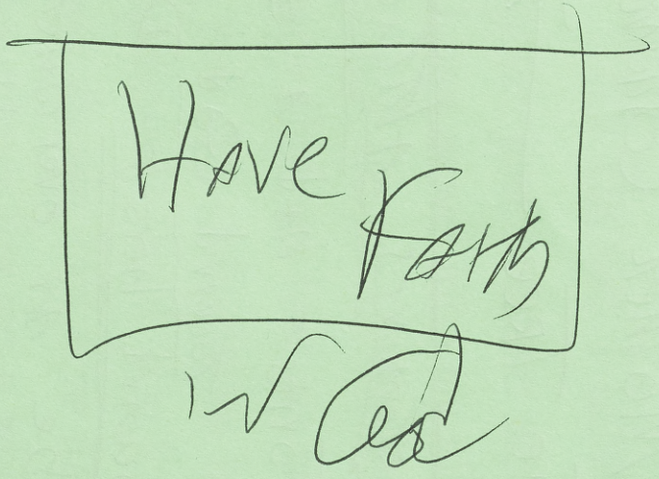

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